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### **NORTH HAVEN TO ERECT POST-VIETNAM VETERANS' MONUMENT**

The Town of North Haven ever desirous of honoring those residents of the Town who have served honorably for the United States of America in wars and armed conflicts will be erecting a post-Vietnam Veterans' monument on the Town Green. The monument will be constructed in 2017 and applications for inclusion are being accepted effective immediately.

As per the adopted Town Ordinance, the following mandatory eligibility criterion for an individual to be listed on the monument is as follows:

A. The individual must have served at least ninety (90) days on active duty and possess an honorable discharge or still be on active service. An exception to this ninety (90) day requirement will be made if the individual is/was killed or wounded in action or the duration of the hostile action or conflict in which the individual served was less than ninety (90) days.

B. The individual's Veterans' Federal Form DD-214 (Report of Separation), or in some cases, his/her long form discharge, must list North Haven, Connecticut as the individual's home of record at the time of his/her service entry. If an individual serves longer than two (2) years, whether by reenlistment and/or extension of service or reserve obligation, and changes their home of record to North Haven, Connecticut while on active duty, then such individual shall be considered to have North Haven, Connecticut as his/her home of record at the time of his/her service entry.

Appropriate campaign medals awarded with dates of qualifying service as follows for this monument:

Lebanon (Second Incursion), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal June 1, 1983 through December 1, 1987, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal June 1, 1983 through December 1, 1987; Operation Urgent Fury – Grenada, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal October 23, 1983 through November 21, 1983; Operation Just Cause – Panama, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990; Southwest Asia Service – Gulf War, Southwest Asia Service Medal August 2, 1990 through November 30, 1995; Various Operations in Somalia, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal December 5, 1992 through March 31, 1995; Kosovo Campaign, Kosovo Campaign Medal Awarding of this Medal began on March 24, 1999. The Medal is still open and eligible for awarding; Afghanistan, Afghanistan Campaign Medal Awarding of this Medal began on October 24, 2001. This medal is still open and eligible for awarding; Iraq Campaign, Iraq Campaign Medal Awarding of this Medal began on March 19,

2003. This Medal is still open and eligible for awarding; Global War on Terrorism, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (For various engagements throughout the world beginning September 11, 2001) this medal is still open and eligible for awarding.

The award of the National Defense Service, Global War on Terrorism Service, Humanitarian Service, or Armed Forces Service Medals also do not in and of themselves qualify as appropriate campaign awards, unless the individual recipient is killed and/or awarded a Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and/or Combat Action Ribbon.

Only Veterans with service during the specified periods above are eligible. Note that all other memorials are permanently closed and no consideration can be given to those Veterans of Vietnam and prior. To apply submit your application along with a COPY (no originals please - DD-214 will not be returned) of your DD-214 to the office of the First Selectman by November 11, 2016. No applications will be considered after that date. The First Selectman Michael Freda and the Town of North Haven look forward to working with our Veterans and honoring them with a Memorial. (Applications are available on the Town of North Haven website: [www.northhaven-ct.gov](http://www.northhaven-ct.gov) or in the office of the First Selectman.)

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